

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE THAT HAMBURGER, SIR?

I HAVE A CHOICE? I'M NOT USED TO CHOICES

THE BURGER BARN WILL PREPARE IT ANY WAY YOU CAN THINK IT UP!

WELL, AH, LET'S SEE, I... AH... AH...

I'M OUTTA HERE! I CAN'T TAKE THAT KIND OF PRESSURE!

SKREECH!

I SUPPOSE I'D BE WILLING TO MOVE IF YOU WERE OFFERED A GREAT, HIGH-PAYING JOB.

BUT IF IT ISN'T A REALLY HIGH-PROFILE JOB, I'M SURE TO BE THE BRUNT OF SOME PRETTY DISPARAGING REMARKS.

ARE WE TALKING ABOUT REMARKS FROM CO-WORKERS OR FROM YOUR EGO?

JEFF SMITH

NOW THAT THE DEMOLISHERS DOWN AND OUT I CAN UNMASK HIM.

IS HE HOWARD RYLAND--OR HIS BROTHER JOHN--OR JUST SOME GUY WHO HATES COMPUTER STORES?

HEY! WHAT--?

ARRRHH
PTHOM

SPIDER-MAN
BY STAN LEE
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I HAVE YET TO THINK OF A WEAPON TO WHICH SUPERLATIVE GIRL IS VULNERABLE.

ER...MIGHT I SUGGEST...

OH...

TAKE THAT, SUPERLATIVE GIRL!

Panel 1: Listen Sunny, i want you to defend me against Dexter's frivolous lawsuit.

Panel 2: hold it right there, you quack...

Panel 3: i'm Dexter's legal counsel. i'm in his camp!

Panel 4: you want me to defend you against my own client? hahahahahaha!

Panel 5: here's a free "Band-Aid"

Panel 6: Dexter's lawsuit is flimsy and frivolous.

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MA'AM, YOU ONLY HAVE TWO TICKETS.

YOUR CAT IS ALLOWED IN FIRST CLASS.

BUT YOUR DOG WILL HAVE TO GO IN A CAGE IN THE BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT.

CAGE? BAGGAGE COMPARTMENT?

DOES THIS MEAN NO IN-FLIGHT MOVIE?

AIR OUTRACK

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STEP AWAY FROM THAT NETWORK SERVER!

I'M CERTIFIED!

I SUMMON THE VAST POWER OF CERTIFICATION!

WELL, THIS IS EMBARRASSING; THAT'S ALL I REMEMBER FROM THE CLASSES.

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"DO I HAFTA CLEAN THE WHOLE ROOM? COULDN'T I JUST TAKE A LITTLE OFF THE TOP?"

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"If I drove a police car, I'd play the siren all the time."

THE DOG DAYS

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YOU MIGHT
WANT TO GET
THAT CHECKED OUT -
YOU'RE IDLING
TOO HIGH.

HILARY "Thank Rob" PRICE 8-31

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For Friday, Sept. 1, 2000

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't let your eagerness to get things done make you impatient with others.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Romantic partners will find that friendship is the major basis behind their relationship.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) An excellent time lies ahead for creative thinking and inspiration.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A usually tranquil relationship may suddenly develop waves.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Communication is the key word when it comes to solving difficulties with your boss or coworkers.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) While you are feeling extremely generous, others may be a little more uptight.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Make the time to work on improving your skill in an area of importance to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Intuition will certainly be your most valuable skill in a brainstorming process.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Be willing to accept the responsibilities that come with success.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) You may have to put on a small performance for someone before you can return to comfortably being yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) An old acquaintance may suddenly appear out of the woodwork at an unexpected time. Thus a new element will be introduced into your life, for which you will be grateful.

By Bobby Wolff

The ultimate aim of defensive signals is to achieve the partnership goal. At duplicate, defenders must be involved with saving overtricks; at rubber bridge, the goal is always defeat of the contract. The defense of today's deal should be the same in either game. Unfortunately, misuse of signals allowed South to score an unmakeable game. West led his diamond king, and East routinely signaled with his eight. West continued with his ace and another diamond, and East scored a ruff. A heart shift went to dummy's queen, and when South picked up East's trump king, the "defense" was finished. South discarded a low club on dummy's diamond queen and scampered off with 10 winners. It was criminal for East to signal high-low in diamonds. Why would he wish to ruff with a natural trump trick? Better to play the diamond deuce at trick one, asking for a shift rather than a continuation. West's most likely choice would be the club nine, eliminating any chance for South. Whether he finesesses or not, he is destined to lose two diamonds, a club and a trump for one down. Whether the game be duplicate or rubber bridge, one doesn't rate to gain anything by signaling for a ruff at the cost of a natural trump trick.

NORTH
♥ J 7 5
♦ Q 7
♣ Q 7 8 3
♠ A Q 5 4

WEST
♥ 4 2
♦ J 9 8 3
♣ A K 9 4
♠ 9 8 7

EAST
♥ K 10 9
♦ 10 5 4 2
♣ 8 2
♠ K J 10 6

SOUTH
♥ A Q 8 6 3
♦ A K 6
♣ J 10 5
♠ 3 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South
The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
2 NT	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Diamond king

Bridge Studio: Sunday afternoon, first, George Valette, Joe Fortino; second, Liz Murphy, Ruth Richner; Sunday evening, first/second, John Molinari, Gary Simonetta; George Valette, Cliff Donn: Monday evening, first/second, Jim Ineich, Jim Ineich Jr.: Doug Lyon, Larry Spooner: Tuesday evening World Wide Charity Pairs I, first, Julie Sunser, Larry Sunser; second, Murray Hall, Shariene Kpistichs; Wednesday evening World Wide Charity Pairs II, first, Murray Hall, Shariene Kpistichs; second Bill Barrington, Jason Chappell: Thursday morning Teaching Game, 1 NS, Pat Miller, Paul Swarthout; 2 NS, Betty Foster, Janet Gillen; 1 EW, Jane Malone, Larry Spooner; 2 EW, Gerri Herold, Sydney Howes; Friday morning, first, Joe Fortino, Larry Sunser; second, Walter Dodge, Julie Sunser; Friday evening, first, Jane Donn, Bruce Rubin; second, Tucker Ausman, Millie Albrigo.

Concord Aces: Monday morning, 1 NS: Doug Lyon, Milt Rosenberg; 2 NS, Fran McCarthy, Clo Morris; 1 EW, Sophie Adler, Shirley Kay; 2 EW, Pam Gibson, Paul Peters.

Lafayette Country Club Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, first, Ivy Besdin, Shirley Doroff; second, Beverly Goldberg, Myrna Rubenstein.

Liverpool Duplicate Bridge Club: Wednesday morning, first, Judy Butcher, Pat Hill; second, Jane Hackbarth, Louise Staring.

Stonehedge Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, first, Barbara Eveleigh, Sally Wright; second, Pat Hill, Jo Spooner.

Syracuse Contract Duplicate Bridge Club: Tuesday morning, 99er Game, first, Sydney Davy, Jeff Riddle; second, Sharon Doyle, Mary Field; Tuesday evening, 99er Game, first, Ken Rose, Pauline Rose; second, Eileen Carolan, Loretta Leonard; Wednesday evening, first, Frank Kunsman, Rick Olanoif; second, Dan Boyle, Mary Ann Finn; Thursday noon, first, Mary Ann Finn, Anne Scharmach; second, Winona Phillips, Millie Tyman; Thursday evening, first, Howard Johndrow, Larry Waluf; second, Frank Kunsman, Rosalee Kunsman; Sunday afternoon, first, Bill Foster, Gayle Phillips; second, Sharon Paulus, Bob Simard.

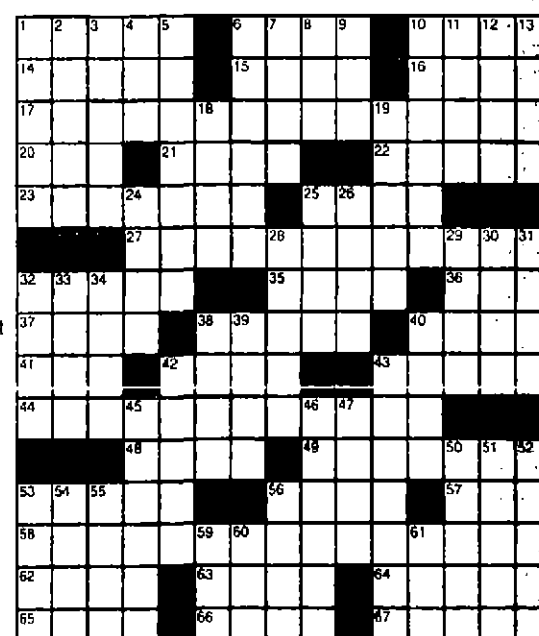
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For solution, see Classified.

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ACROSS	35 Place for portraits	62 Pull down
1 Old Jewish scholars	36 8 pls.	63 Fighting
6 Accelerator suffix	37 Sign to read	64 ____ the hole
10 Like some museumgoers	38 Chopping firewood, e.g.	65 St. Paul's architect
14 Low place	40 ____ breve	66 Tree growth
15 Kosovo combatant	41 Like Bruckner's Symphony No. 7	67 Yes or no follower
16 Knock around	42 Increase sharply	DOWN
17 Travels with Sinbad, in a way	43 Super Bowl sight	1 Black tea source
20 Certain colonist	44 Identical, in a way	2 Safari boss
21 Shadow	48 Bore	3 Prepares to
22 It may precede "mañana"	49 Duchamp's mustachioed	4 Word before ____ and after "in"
23 Knead-y one?	50 Inverted "e"	5 Sonnet parts
25 Become disenchanted	51 Statistics calculation	6 Vacation memento, maybe
27 The Beatles and the Dave Clark Five, in a way	57 Glaswegian's refusal	7 Tape recorder part
32 Like a slug	58 Gold, frankincense and myrrh, in a way	8 Tolkien beast
		9 "ER" network
		10 Winner of the

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Puzzle by Bonnie S. Pryorowky

34 Carnival weirdo	50 Conclude	55 Epitaph starter
38 Nightclub of song	51 "Mercure" composer	56 Miracle workers of 60
39 Reagan Cabinet member	52 Intervening, in law	59 Verb for Popeye
40 "A New Life" director	53 Lather	60 Telephone trio
42 Floral display	54 Blacken	61 French 55-Down
43 Barrio businesses		
45 The Perfect Fool	Answers to any three clues in this puzzle are available by touch-tone phone: 1-900-420-5656 (95¢ per minute).	
46 Mythical dreamboat	Annual subscriptions are available for the best of Sunday crosswords from the last 5 years: 1-888-7-ACROSS.	
47 Stationery store purchases		